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Mary L. Cottrell, Secretary
Department of Telecommunications and Energy
One South Station
Boston, MA 02110

Re: D.T.E. 03-117, Boston Edison Company- 2003 Reconciliation Filing

Dear Secretary Cottrell:

The Attorney General and Boston Edison Company d/b/a NSTAR Electric (the "Parties") are engaged in settlement negotiations in the above-referenced, pending reconciliation case. Under the procedural schedule established by the Department of Telecommunications and Energy (the "Department"), evidentiary hearings are to begin on May 18, 2004. In order to permit sufficient time for the Parties to complete their settlement negotiations, they jointly request that the hearing dates be deferred.

Accordingly, NSTAR Electric and the Attorney General request that the Department defer the commencement of hearings until July 14, 2004. If the Parties have not filed a settlement agreement by July 9, 2004, they will provide a status report on that date.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,



Robert N. Werlin

cc: William Stevens, Hearing Officer
Service List
